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Reagan and disclosures

President Reagan emphasizes he is not doing anything new with his attempts to plug the leaks and prevent unauthorized disclosure of information from his administration. He is just continuing the policies of previous administrations, he says. Just a copy-cat.

Most reporters in Washington, and editors around the country, don't accept that. The use of lie detector tests on government employes and the requirement that appearances of government officials with reporters on or off camera be cleared with the White House will create a "Fortress Reagan" and close tightly an administration the President had proclaimed as an "open" one.